--- 100 Cigars - “Series of 1924” - 140 x 23 mm design - scanned at 100% scale ---

The catalogue lists this recess printed one hundred cigar “Series of 1924” black strip as follows:

RG-587 - 100 cigars, black, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove, 140 x 23 mm - 4½ mm violet controls
RG-589 - 100 cigars, black, coarse roulette, on horizontal mesh wove, 145 x 23 mm - 4½ mm blue controls
RG-586† - 100 cigars, black, *fine roulette*, on horizontal mesh wove - 4½ mm blue controls - **WANTED** if extant!

--- RG-587 - recess printed on *vertical* mesh wove - *coarse roulette* - 140 x 23 mm - with 4½ mm *violet controls* ---

The Budget of 1922 decreased the excise tax on large packages of cigars to $ 3.00 from $ 6.00 per pound, and also decreased the excise tax on packages smaller than ten cigars to $ 4.00 from $7.00 per pound. In 1926 the discriminatory tax on small packages was rescinded. The 100 cigar strip of the “Series of 1924” simply completes the “Series of 1922”.

★**RG-587** - 100 cigars, control **0000002**, *coarse roulette*, on *vertical* mesh wove paper, this early design was 5 mm. shorter than the later strips - measuring 140 x 23 mm.

0000002 ★		RG-587	100 cigars, coarse roulette, uncancelled
0006379 ★		RG-587 **	100 cigars, coarse roulette, on a 13⅛” x 5⅞” x 3⅛” wooden box of **Longfellow Havana** cigars distributed by “G.E. Coleman”, made by “W. J. Clark”, London - **18-24-E**
0050630 ★	05/30	RG-587	100 cigars, coarse roulette, by “Tuckett Tobacco”- rollered as **5-10-D**, the box bottom is coded **5-30**
0011711 ★		RG-587 **	100 cigars, coarse roulette, on a 13⅛” x 6” x 3” wooden box of **Taylor’s Green Smokes** distributed by “Taylor Drugs”, made by “W. J. Clark”, London, Ontario - **18-24-E**
0012785 ★		RG-587 **	100 cigars, coarse roulette, on a 13⅛” x 5½” x 4¼” wooden box of **British Dreadnaught** cigars made by “W. J. Clark”, London, Ontario - **18-24-E**
0168431		RG-589	100 cigars, black, coarse roulette
0302576		RG-587	100 cigars, coarse roulette, by “Rock City”, Quebec - **2-13-D**
0397566		RG-587	100 cigars, coarse roulette, on a box of **Bachelor Aristocrat** cigars by “Andrew Wilson”, Toronto - **26-50-E**

Note: **0050630** strip is “Customs and Excise” roller cancelled as **5-10-D**. The I.R.D. code **5-30** occurs on the bottom of this box. These boxes were pre-manufactured before the code change of 1921, and thus the box often carries the I.R.D. coding, while the strip is cancelled in the ‘Customs & Excise’ code.

--- RG-589 - recess printed on *vertical* mesh wove - *coarse roulette* - 145 x 23 mm - with 4½ mm *blue controls* ---

Without any documentation as proof, I feel that the ***Sample*** strips and stamps originated with CBN, at the time of its 1923 formation, as a separate Canadian branch of ABN, New York.

★**RG-589 SP** - 100 cigars, black, *coarse roulette*, on *vertical* mesh wove, control number **0947036**, stamped ***Sample*** in the cancellation panel

★**RG-589** - 100 cigars, black, *coarse roulette*, on *vertical* mesh wove, control number **1277546**, roller cancelled by "Benson & Hedges", Montreal - **34-10-D**

0554380		RG-589	100 cigars, black, coarse roulette, on a wooden box of **Bachelor Aristocrat** by "Andrew Wilson", Toronto - **26-50-E**
0701474★	06/24	RG-589 **	100 cigars, black, coarse roulette, on a wooden box of **Bachelor Aristocrat** by "Andrew Wilson", Toronto - **26-50-E** - stamped **6 12 24 1**
0723285		RG-589	100 cigars, black, coarse roulette, rollered **13 - 20 - ?**
0741124		RG-589	100 cigars, black, coarse roulette, by "Benson & Hedges", Montreal - **34-10-D**
0947036★		RG-589 SP	100 cigars, black, coarse roulette, stamped ***Sample*** in the cancellation panel
1077119		RG-589	100 cigars, black, coarse roulette, rollered **5 - 10 - D**
1161839★		RG-589	100 cigars, black, coarse roulette, broken, by "St. George", Joliette - **44-10-D**
1237238		RG-589	100 cigars, black, coarse roulette, by "La Desiderata", Montreal - **8-10-D**
1277546★		RG-589	100 cigars, black, coarse roulette, by "Benson & Hedges", Montreal - **34-10-D**
1424176		RG-589	100 cigars, black, coarse roulette, used but uncoded
1413460★	01/40	RG-589 **	100 cigars, black, coarse roulette, on a wooden box of **Trump** 2 for 5¢ cigars, by "Benson & Hedges", Montreal - **34-10-D** - **AE P KY** for **29 - 1 - 40**
1477015★		RG-589 **	100 cigars, black, coarse roulette, on a wooden box of **Trump** 2 for 5¢ cigars, by "Benson & Hedges" - **34-10-D**
1531944★		RG-589 **	100 cigars, black, coarse roulette, on a wooden box of **Trump** 2 for 5¢ cigars, by "Benson & Hedges" - **34-10-D**
1725371		RG-589	100 cigars, black, coarse roulette, on a wooden box of **Trump** 2 for 5¢ cigars, by "Benson & Hedges", Montreal - stamp is rollered **34-10-D**

In spite of the *fine roulette* listing for **1077119**, it would seem that the strips were separated by *coarse roulette*, and that a fine roulette was not produced. Lee Brandom lists a *fine roulette* as **RG-589a**, but the collection *does not* contain, and I have *not seen* a copy, of this item. **WANTED!**

The "General Cigars", Toronto, cigar date cancellations under the 1932 Budget differ from the usual "Imperial Tobacco" cancels of the time. With the few examples collected to date, the year seems to read as: W=1932; X=1933; Y=1934 and Z=1935. The months probably read consecutively from O=1 to Z=12.

Note: The cigar cancellations of "Andrew Wilson" read as (month) (date) (year), while those of "General Cigars" read as (date) (month) (year).

--- the one hundred Cigar Roll and Plates ---

[information from Chris Ryan]

In a memorandum to *D. Sims, Esq.* (Deputy Minister of National Revenue, Customs and Excise), dated June 14th 1944, *L. A. White* and *C.R. Coombs* record the destruction of the ABN / CBN cigar roll No. 401-XG, for the “Series of 1924” one hundred cigar 145 x 23 mm. strip.

In a similar memorandum, dated June 8th 1944, they record the destruction of plates No. 1 and No. 2, for the ABN / CBN“ Series of 1924 ” one hundred cigar 145 x 23 mm. strip. The sixty impression plates were probably arranged as 2 by (3 x 10) strips - JBH.

In the memorandum to *D. Sims, Esq.* (Deputy Minister of National Revenue, Customs and Excise) dated June 14th 1944, *L. A. White* and *C.R. Coombs* record the destruction of the ABN / CBN die OG-458 for the 145 x 23 mm. one hundred cigar strip of the “Series of 1922”.

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